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Honorable Gayle S. Slossberg, Co-Chair
Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes
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Honorable James Field Spallone, Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Slossberg and Representative Spallone:

I am writing to offer ideas for consideration by the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes as we work to identify opportunities for operational efficiencies in state government. Clearly the challenge of any designing government reform and streamlining plan is to identify operational synergies that can foster departmental mergers. I present to you the following consolidation ideas for consideration by the Commission:

- Connecticut Innovations., Inc., Connecticut Development Authority and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority consolidated into the Department of Economic and Community Development.
- Department of Labor consolidated into the Department of Economic and Community Development.
- Department of Public Health, Department of Children and Families, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Department of Social Services consolidated into a new created Department of Human Services.
- Department of Public Works consolidated into the Department of Transportation and the Department of Administrative Services.
- Department of Motor Vehicles consolidated into the Department of Transportation.

- Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security merged with the Department of Public Safety.

The Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes should offer the General Assembly government reform plans that address long-term goals of reducing state government spending. Substantive consolidations as suggested above will demonstrate that government does not have to be a gigantic and inefficient bureaucracy and that an entrepreneurial spirit can truly transform our state government. I look forward to our deliberations over the next several weeks.

Sincerely yours,



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Cc: Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes Members
Honorable John McKinney, Senate Minority Leader
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